

## Thomas Del Mar Ltd

PRESS RELEASE

### **VERY RARE GEORGIAN COLOUR OF THE COLDSTREAM GUARDS EXPECTED TO FETCH MORE THAN £12,000 IN FORTHCOMING SALE OF ANTIQUE ARMS, ARMOUR & MILITARIA**

*- Auction also includes a helmet that belonged to the founder of modern Lawn Tennis -*



A very rare Georgian Colour of the Coldstream Guards will be among the highlights of **Thomas Del Mar Ltd's** sale of Antique Arms, Armour & Militaria at *25 Blythe Road, London W14* on **Wednesday, June 27, 2018** at 12noon. Viewing will take place on the preceding Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and online bidding is available via [the-saleroom.com](http://the-saleroom.com).

Expected to fetch £12,000-18,000, the design dates from 1814 and is of the no. 15 company, 2nd Battalion, the centre bearing St Edward's Crown above the company symbol (Carolingian crown), 'EGYPT', the Sphinx between laurel sprays, 'BARROSA', a bugle-horn, 'PENINSULA' and 'WATERLOO'. The horizontal arm of the cross inscribed 'LINCELLES' and 'TALAVERA'. This colour was recently discovered in near-relic condition and has been expertly restored on a museum quality mount to display the obverse face.

Another interesting and topical item – particularly for this time of year – is a Victorian officer's helmet of the 1st King's Dragoon Guards, almost certainly that of Major Walter Clopton Wingfield, who served between 1851 and 1861, and is credited with being the inventor of Lawn Tennis. It is estimated at £1,500-2,000.





The auction opens with a very strong section consisting of more than 115 lots of Japanese objects ranging from armour to firearms but predominantly swords. This is intersected by the property of a Collector comprising 15 Japanese swords including an example dating from the Shinshinto Period (1764-1886) decorated in red lacquer and gold dragons which is estimated at £3,000-4,000, while a Daisho from the late Edo Period (1603–1868) decorated with celestial figures in gilt carries an estimate of £4,000-6,000 and of a similar date, a dagger decorated in black lacquer highlighted with fish in gold is also estimated at £4,000-6,000 (*see left*).

Elsewhere in the sale are three highly decorated small-swords including two from the descendant family of Arthur Richard Dufty CBE, (1911-1993), Master of the Royal Armouries (1963-76) and President of the Society of Antiquaries (1978- 81). These include a fine French small-sword with a paste-set silver-gilt hilt, dating from 1778-9, decorated with scrolling foliage, trophies and an allegorical figure (estimate: £3,500-4,500) (*see right*), while a fine and rare Russian small-sword with a golden crusted chiselled iron hilt and encrusted with garlands of flowers in three colours of gold, dating from 1780-90 and made in Tula is estimated at £2,000-3,000, while from another consignor is a fine French small-sword with enamelled and gold close-plated silver hilt, dating from the late 18th century is estimated at £4,000-6,000.



Among the Firearms is a rare 16 bore double-barrel flintlock coaching carbine, inlaid with gold, by London-maker Durs Egg, circa 1785, estimated at £4,000-5,000 (*see left*), and a pair of 14 bore Irish silver-mounted flintlock holster pistols by Dublin-maker Michael Ransford, circa 1740-50, carries an estimate of £6,000-7,000 (*see page 3*).



Other interesting pieces in the sale include a rare South German close helmet for field use, circa 1510-15 which is expected to fetch £10,000-14,000 (*see page 3*), while a pair of model field guns dated 1647, and thought to have been made in either Germany or the Netherlands carry an estimate of £4,000-5,000 (*see page 3*).



**VIEWING:**

Sunday, June 24 - 12noon to 4pm

Monday, June 25 – 10am to 7pm

Tuesday, June 26 – 10am to 5pm

**NEXT SALE: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**For further details of the sale, please visit [www.thomasdelmar.com](http://www.thomasdelmar.com)  
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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**Thomas Del Mar Ltd** was founded in 2005 and has been holding sales biannually entitled "Thomas Del Mar Ltd in association with Sotheby's" since then. Thomas was formerly Head of Sotheby's Worldwide Department of Arms, Armour and Militaria and assisted Sotheby's with sales in London, New York, Denmark, Zurich, Billingshurst and Hanover. The sale of works of art from the Royal House of Hanover included arms and armour which sold for £4,764,004 (\$8,392,610) which continues to stand as a World Auction Record for an ancestral collection in this field. Thomas continues to work as a Consultant to Sotheby's on valuations and sales of major collections.

**25 Blythe Road**, founded in 2007, is a collective of specialists who run auctions twice a year, many of whom have worked at Sotheby's. The specialists will willingly sell good quality low value lots to open up the doors to first time collectors, starting at £50, going up to many tens of thousands. Curators, collectors and dealers from around the world buy from the various fields of expertise. The auctions also include Posters, Photographs, British & Continental Pictures, European and Asian Works of Art which includes Silver, Ceramics, Jewellery and Objects of Vertu and Sculpture. Also Antique Arms, Armour & Militaria, and Maritime and Scientific Models, Instruments and Works of Art. Each auction is preceded by viewing days at the 25 Blythe Road Gallery. [www.25blytheroad.com](http://www.25blytheroad.com)

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